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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: SPEAKING TRIP TO HOUSTON (S/S NO:
7503176)

TO THE SECRETARY FROM LAISE

1. YOU HAVE TENTATIVELY AGREED TO SPEAK IN HOUSTON O/A
MARCH ONE. THE FIVE MAJOR CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS (ROTARY,
LIONS, KIWANIS, EXCHANGE, AND OPTIMIST) IN ASSOCIATION WITH
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION,
WORLD TRADE ASSOCIATION, AND UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION
(ALL OF HOUSTON) ARE PREPARED PROVIDE JOINT SPONSORSHIP.
COMBINED OUTREACH OF CO-SPONSORS INCLUDES CIVIC LEADERSHIP,
ACADEMIC, BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL AND MEDIA COMMUNITIES.

2. SPONSORS PREFER SCHEDULING YOUR VISIT FOR SUNDAY,
MARCH TWO, WHICH IS TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY. HOWEVER, ARA
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POINTS OUT CHOICE OF THIS PARTICULAR ANNIVERSARY FOR YOUR

APPEARANCE RISKS UNFORTUNATE REPERCUSSIONS IN MEXICO.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, IS SECOND CHOICE OF SPONSORS, WITH
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 AND SATURDAY, MARCH ONE POSSIBLE.

3. SPONSORS PROPOSE A RECEPTION OF APPROXIMATELY 500 PERSONS FOLLOWED BY YOUR DINNER ADDRESS OF SHAMROCK HOTEL WITH SOME 1500 GUESTS, AS CORE EVENTS.

4. ADDITIONALLY, AS YOU AGREED IN LOS ANGELES PA WILL ARRANGE OFF-THE-RECORD SESSIONS FOR MEDIA EXECUTIVES AND COMMUNITY LEADERS FOLLOWING THE FORMAT DEVELOPED FOR CHICAGO AND LOS ANGELES, UNLESS WE HEAR FROM YOU TO THE CONTRARY.

5. TEXANS BEING TEXANS, HOSPITALITY LIKELY TO GET OUT OF HAND UNLESS WE CAN HAVE EARLY INDICATION WHETHER YOU AND/OR MRS. KISSINGER MIGHT ALSO BE INTERESTED IN OTHER LOCAL ATTRACTIONS AS PROPOSED BY HOSTS, I.E., NEW HOUSTON MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, RODEO/LIVESTOCK SHOW AT ASTRODOME (HATS, BOOTS PRESENTATION OPTIONAL), MEDICAL CENTER NOTED FOR CANCER RESEARCH, NASA SPACE FLIGHT CENTER, SMALL LUNCH OR LARGER AFTER-DINNER PARTY.

6. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU APPROVE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, FOR DINNER/SPEECH AND AUTHORIZE ME TO ARRANGE DINNER, RECEPTION, MEDIA MEETING AND LOCAL LEADERS' MEETING NOW.

APPROVE:

APPROVE ALTERNATE DATE:

DISAPPROVE:

7. RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) THAT YOU AGREE TO ARRIVE HOUSTON MORNING OF SPEECH WHICH WOULD ALLOW LEADERS OR MEDIA MEETING AT MIDDAY, THE OTHER IN AFTERNOON, RECEPTION/DINNER/SPEECH IN EVENING, RETURN EARLY FOLLOWING MORNING.

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(2) ALTERNATIVELY, THAT YOU PLAN TO ARRIVE HOUSTON EARLY AFTERNOON AND HOLD MEDIA OR LEADERSHIP MEETING BEFORE DEPARTURE FOLLOWING MORNING.

APPROVE:

(3) THAT YOU DECIDE NOW WHETHER PERIPHERAL ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED PARAS 5 SHOULD BE RULED OUT:

SPACE CENTER: DECLINE: ACCEPT:
ART MUSEUM: DECLINE: ACCEPT:
RODEO: DECLINE: ACCEPT:
MEDICAL CENTER: DECLINE: ACCEPT:
SMALL LUNCH: DECLINE: ACCEPT:
AFTER-DINNER PARTY: DECLINE: ACCEPT:
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